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SUBJECT: FORMER RVN PRESIDENT THIEU ARRIVEE IN TAIPEI

1. ON APRIL 26 AT APPROXIMATELY 0420 LOCAL TIME FORMER
RVN PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU, FORMER PRIME MINISTER
TRAN THIEN KHIEM, AND TEN OTHERS ARRIVEDBY US AIR FORCE
C-118 AT SUNG SHAN MILITARY AIRPORT, TAIPEI. THEY WERE

MET BY A MOFA DELEGATION HEADED BY ROC FOREIGN MINISTER
SHEN CHANG-TUAN, AMBAESADOR UNGER, AND MEMBERS OF THE

RVN EMBASSY INCLUDING THE WIFE AND SON OF AMBASSADOR
NGUYEN VAN KIEU, WHO REPORTEDLY WILL RETURN FROM SAIGON

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LATER TODAY.

2. OTHERS IN THE PARTY ARRIVING FROM SAIGON WERE

COLONEL VO VA

CAM, COLONEL NHAN VAN THIET,

COLONEL TRAN THANH DIEN, COLONEL NGUYEN VAN DUC,

LT. COLONEL TON THAT AI-RHIEU, MAJOR HO VUONG MINH,

LT COLONEL DANG VAN CHAU, LT.COLONEL DINH SON THONG,

LT. COLONEL NGUYEN TAN THAN, AND DANG VU.

3. AIRCREW GAVE PAROLE DOCUMENTS FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE

TO AMBASSADOR UNGER, AND THE DOCUMENTS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY

HANDED OVER TO RVN EMBASSY THIRD SECRETARY NGUYEN NGOC HO

ON APRIL 26.

4. FOR SAIGON AND DEPT: IN EXAMINING THE PAROLE

DOCUME

TS WE NOTED THAT THE DOCUMENT ORIGINALLY PREPARED

FOR A TRAN VAN PHAN HAD HIS NAME INKED OUT AND HAD SUB-

STITUTED THE NAME OF LT. COLONEL NGUYEN LIN THAN. WE

ALSO NOTED THAT SIX PEOPLE -- COL. VO VAN CAM,

COL. NHAN VAN THIET, COL. TRAN THANH DIEN, COL. NGUYEN

VAN DUC, LT9 COL. TON THAT AI-CHIEU, AND MAJOR HO VUONG MI H--

ARE INCLUDED JOINTLY ON ONE DOCUMENT IN THREE IDENTICAL

ORIGINALS; IN THIS CASE ALSO NAMES ARE HANDWRITTEN.

5. WE OF COURSE ARE NOT FULLY AWARE OF THE EMERGENCY

PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED FOR ISSUING PAROLE DOCUMENTS IN

SAIGON, BUT WISHED TO BRING THESE APPARENT DISCREPANCIES

TO YOUR NOTICE IN CASE THEY MIGHT RESULT IN DIFFICULTIES

IN OBTAINING ENTRY TO THE US.

6. WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN ANY MEMBERS OF THE PARTY PLAN

TO LEAVE TAIPEI FOR THE US BUT WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS

INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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